for nomination. This Christian member was not included in that list. Still he was nominated.

President.—There was an Ezhuva petition pointing out that the nomination should be from amongst them. They had made mention of suitable Ezhuva candidates. Is it so?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—An Ezhuva member was also included in the list.

President.—If there was a request of that kind, why did we not nominate an Ezhuva?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is true that there was an Ezhuva member competent to be nominated. But at the time of nomination, his services were not available, as he joined the college.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The one nominated is not the one who was included in the list.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Government is not bound to nominate one from among those whose names have been included in the list prepared by the Revenue authorities.

President.—Did you satisfy yourself that, amongst the other communities, there was none suitable to be nominated as a member?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

President.—That settles the question.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—In these matters, do not the Government consider that members from unrepresented communities should be nominated?

President.—My view is that it should be done.

The scheme for the development of agriculture.

72. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state what the outcome is of the question sent in and the answers received from the various practical agriculturists in early 1916 by Diwan Mr. Bhore?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—A comprehensive scheme of work for the guidance of the Agricultural Department was drawn up, and the general principles on which it should develop its activities were defined. For detailed information regarding the scheme the Member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings R. O. C. No. 435/90, dated 17th February 1917, published on page 465, Part I of the Gazette, dated 13th Kumbham 1092.

Siltclearance of poramboke tanks.

73. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state on what principles are *poramboke* tanks selected for silt clearance, etc., by the Superintendent of Village Panchayats?

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